able to lie alongside. Meanwhile, the present arrangements are the outcome of many years' experience under local conditions and the Government have received no complaints that they have been the cause of suffering on the part of passengers.

Hindu Religious Endowments.

The Hindu Religious Endowments Bill.

78 *Q.*—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of, and the persons or institutions from whom, memorials or representations against the Madras Hindu Religious Endowments Bill have been received, since the introduction of the Bill up to date ?

A.—Since the introduction of the Bill up to the 22nd January 1923, the date fixed by the Select Committee for the receipt of representations about the Bill, 249 representations were received and considered by Government. The representations received after 22nd January 1923 and before the passing of the Bill were not considered by Government as they were received too late.

After the passing of the Bill, 185 representations have been received and considered by Government. It is not possible to classify these according as they are in favour of or against the Bill as in many cases the same representation is in favour of some provisions of the Bill and against others. It is not therefore possible to give the names of persons or institutions from whom representations *against the Bill* have been received.

The Hindu Religious Endowments Bill.

79 *Q.*—Rai Bahadur T. M. NARASIMHACHARLU : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) in what stage the Hindu Religious Endowments Bill which was passed by the last Legislative Council is ; and

(*b*) whether it has received the assent of His Excellency the Governor of Madras and His Excellency the Governor-General ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the message from His Excellency the Governor read by the President in the Council on 10th December 1923.

His Excellency the Viceroy's Visit.

Expenditure in connexion with His Excellency the Viceroy's visit.

80 *Q.*—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state the amount of expenditure by the Madras Government and by the local bodies in the Presidency in connexion with His Excellency the Viceroy's visit to this Presidency ?

A.—The Government have not yet received a final account of the expenditure incurred in connexion with the visit, but they have sanctioned expenditure up to Rs. 85,839 and also the payment of batta to village servants who guarded the railway line.

The Corporation of Madras incurred an expenditure of Rs. 906. The Government have no information regarding other municipal bodies. The District Board, Madura, applied for sanction to incur an

expenditure of Rs. 500, but the Government are not aware whether this amount was actually spent. No other board has applied for sanction.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I ask whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table the final account in respect of the Viceroy's visit when they do receive that statement ? "

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—" Yes, Sir, the Government are prepared to place it on the table."

Arrangements at Madura in connexion with His Excellency the Viceroy's visit.

81 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether it is a fact that—

(*a*) the owners of houses in the streets along which His Excellency the Viceroy passed in Madura were warned not to allow strangers into or in front of their houses ;

(*b*) such owners were prohibited from getting on to the terraces of their houses while His Excellency the Viceroy was passing ;

(*c*) patients going to the hospitals were turned back on the day previous to the visit as the roads were closed for hours for police rehearsals ;

(*d*) students could not go to their colleges for the same reason ;

(*e*) worshippers were not allowed inside the Sri Minakshi temple on the day previous to the visit and those who were inside for worship were turned out ; and

(*f*) one thousand five hundred reserve policemen of Ramnad and Madura districts, all the Deputy Superintendents of Police of the two districts and the District Superintendent of Police of Tinnevelly were brought to Madura and made to camp there for nearly a week before the visit ?

A.—(*a*) to (*e*) The Government have no information.

(*f*) Reserve policemen—The Ramnad Reserve was ordered to send only 108 men.

Deputy Superintendents of Police—One Deputy Superintendent was brought to Madura from Ramnad district.

Superintendents—The Superintendent of Police, Tinnevelly, was brought in to Madura.

The officers and men camped in Madura for 4 days.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I ask the hon. Member to call for the information as he was good enough to say in the other case ? It was an important allegation made by a Vakil of the High Court who is practising there."

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" Yes."

Imperial Bank.

Conduct of the Imperial Bank Fraud case by the Crown Prosecutor.

82 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the reasons why the Crown Prosecutor declined to appear and conduct the Imperial Bank Fraud case in the Presidency Magistrate's Court ; and

(*b*) whether the Government propose to take any action thereon ?